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photo by Sue Williams

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Janice Boudreau

Meeting with Representative Natalie Blais

We had a very productive meeting with our new State Representative Natalie Blais at Town Hall on May 4th and she attended our Annual Town Meeting on the 8th. We are grateful for her commitment to rural issues and is working hard on our behalf. Topics we discussed included the following:

Yankee Road Reconstruction Project:

We explained to her that we have a \$750,000 shortfall from the previously awarded \$600,000 to move forward with the project. When the final engineering was completed earlier in the year the new cost was set at \$1.35 million. I have reached out to Congressman Neal who is trying a new avenue for funding, Senator Paul Marks, FRCOG and MassDOT appraising them of the situation. Rep. Blais recommended reapplying for funds from the MassWorks Program.

Police Training:

The recent regulation imposed on all Mass. police officers requires that all police officers, regardless of full or part-time, attend the Bridge Academy and be trained for a full-time police status. This unfunded mandate not only puts a burden on the town to fund, but potentially lose their officers to seek full-time positions. Rep. Blais offered one funding source for reimbursement for up to \$ 3,000.00 which we have applied for following her visit. The full training costs up to approximately \$10,000.00.

Tunnel Road Bridge

Selectman Silva discussed the history of de-

terioration of the bridge to lower Tunnel Road and whether anything could be done.

School Choice Rural Formula

The Board expressed the inequity of the town having to educate pupils from out of town as 'school choice' students and not receiving adequate reimbursement for those services. In other words, the cost to educate a 'school choice' student exceeds the \$5,000.00 per student reimbursement from the hometown of the student. The Board explained that the formula to calculate this reimbursement by the Department of Education has to be reviewed and revised. Rep. Blais agreed that there needs to be a review of the funding formula and more discussion about rural schools and their unique situations.

Fire Burn Dates

Chair Sokol asked about whether brush burning dates could be pushed further out past the closing date of May 1st since we often have a snow cover into late April or early May. Rep. Blais looked into it and found that it was determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and it was determined by an air quality reason and could not be changed.

Grant Completed Risk Managment

The Board of Health completed some safety improvements at the Transfer Station which were obtained through a grant from our Risk Management division of our insurance company for \$4,000.00.

Ford Hill Road Closure

Ford Hill Road will be closed in early June until December from Newell Cross Road to Middletown Hill Road due to the replacement of a road culvert which will be completed in early winter. C. Davenport, Inc., a local company, will be

working on the project as well as the project on our tennis courts reconstruction.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was a short and decisive meeting lasting close to a half hour. Thank you to all of you that attended.

The Gracy House was discussed

Executive Secretary reported that an asbestos test was completed for the Gracy House by Lane Labs, Inc.. Thirty-three samples were taken and determined that there was asbestos in two locations: one on the underside of the kitchen sink and the other on the floor of the attic under blown-in insulation in the form of vermiculite. An estimated cost for the demolition of the structure could now be completed. On another note there was discussion at our recent Board of Selectmen meeting about whether the Gracy House should be saved and it was agreed that a group of volunteers needed to emerge and take an interest.



Paul McLatchy III Honored

Finance Committee Chair Dan Pallotta and the Board of Selectmen presented Paul McLatchy III with a plaque to thank him for his many years of service to the Town. Paul has served the town in a number of capacities over the course of 14 years. Included are on the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, School Building Committee, Planning Board, Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Fire Association and Old Home Days Committees.

Paul has had many successful achievements in these various capacities over the years. He obtained several grants, completely overhauled town records storage in the safe and digitized many records moving forward and from the past. Paul could be counted on for his attention to detail, dedication to the town and, to those of us who know him well, his sense of humor.

Though we are very happy for Paul that he has finally fulfilled his dream of home ownership, we are sad, too, to see him move to North Adams. He will be greatly missed.

Finance Chair Dan Pallotta presents Paul McLatchy III with a plaque
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Annual Town Meeting



Rep. Natalie Blais and Legislative Aide Corrine Coryat

photos by Janice Boudreau

Board of Health

Submitted by Christine Bailey

All Rowe Residents,

It is that time of year again when all residents will be able to purchase their FY24 dump tag for use at the Refuse Gardens. The new FY24 tags will go into effect on July 1, 2023. The yearly price remains at \$25.00! This includes your FY24 hang tag and 52 bag stickers.

Please note, that the Town of Rowe will not be accepting cash payments for tags and stickers any longer. You may continue to purchase tags and stickers with a personal check or a money order made out to The Town of Rowe. In addition, Rowe is instituting an online form of payment which will be up and running June 1, 2023 with a pay link on the Home Page of the Rowe Website. In addition, our annual letter to each resident will be sent out detailing on how to purchase your dump tag by check, money order or online.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 413-339-5520 x105 or in person at the Town Hall on any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

WIN A COMPOST BIN!

Are you in need of a compost bin? The Board of Health has purchased 10 bins to be raffled off at our August 2nd meeting. To enter, please call the office (413-339-5520 x105) or fill out the raffle ticket below and place in the drop box at the Town Hall. One ticket per resident home please. The winners will be posted in the September Goal Post issue. GOOD LUCK!

Compost Bin Raffle Ticket:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



Town Clerk

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III
& Kevin Balawick

From Paul: This will be my final article for the Goal Post as Kevin Balawick was elected to the three-year term as town clerk. For the past four years this has been an amazing opportunity, filled with learning, laughter, and even the occasional tear and dose of ibuprofen. Thank you so much to everyone in town who has made my time here incredible.

Kevin and I spent my final week together over several days reviewing the duties of the offices, details of processes and procedures, and the annual calendar of events. I have no doubt in my mind that Kevin will make a fantastic town clerk and feel confident the town is being left in great hands.

The following is a summary of election results. Detailed results are available on the website.

Saturday, May 13, 2023

71 Votes Cast / 325 Total Registered Voters

21.8% Turnout

Board of Assessors – 3 Years

Frederick Williams	64
Blanks	7

Board of Health – 3 Years

Daniel Poplawski	60
Blanks	11

Board of Health – 2 Years

Kathleen Atwood	65
Blanks	6

Board of Selectmen – 3 Years

Joanne Semanie	53
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	17

Cemetery Commission – 3 Years

Joanne Semanie	54
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	15

Constable – 3 Years

Henry Dandeneau	67
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	2

Finance Committee – 3 Years x2

Loretta Dionne	52
Daniel Pallotta	51
Write-Ins	5
Blanks	34

Finance Committee – 1 Year

Marilyn Wilson	51
Write-Ins	6
Blanks	14

Library Trustee – 3 Years

Rebecca Bradley	64
Blanks	7

Library Trustee – 2 Years

Lauren Werner	48
Write-Ins	12
Blanks	11

Park Commission – 3 Years

Laurie Pike	61
Blanks	10

Park Commission – 2 Years

Walter Quist	68
Blanks	3

Planning Board – 5 Years

Kevin Balawick (WI)	4
Ronald Stanford (WI)	4
Other Write-Ins	5
Blanks	58

Planning Board – 3 Years

Kevin Balawick (WI)	6
Other Write-Ins	4
Blanks	61

School Committee – 3 Years

Susan Zavotka	45
Write-Ins	11
Blanks	15

Town Clerk – 3 Years

Kevin Balawick	38
Margaret Pallotta	28
Blanks	5

Due to a tie for the five-year Planning Board seat, it is considered a failure to elect and goes to a one-year appointment until the next election. Please contact the Selectmen if you are interested in being appointed. Kevin Balawick also won the three-year seat on the Planning Board, with a decision about whether to accept the seat forthcoming. Lauren Werner indicated she would have to decline her election to the Library Trustees at this time, so that seat will be appointed until the next election.

A reminder that if you were elected to a position, you still need to be sworn in, even if you are the incumbent!

From Kevin: Hello Neighbors, First, thank you for electing me to the office of town clerk. In the week following the election I took in a lot of information from Paul about my role in this town's government. I am looking forward to the next three years performing my duties as town clerk, utilizing the thoughtful organization system that Paul built over his tenure, and making my own mark on this office and the systems that guide its operation. My office hours will be Tuesdays from 6pm – 8pm.

FREE CONCERT...

Dennis Ainsworth
on piano

Jazz, Joplin & other favorites

Sunday, June 11 – 2:00-
3:30pm

Rowe Historical Society
Carriage House, 282 Zoar
Rd

- *Free Refreshments* -



Massachusetts Cultural Council

Rowe Historical Society June Events Season Museum Opening!

Sat., June 11, 10 am - 3:30 pm: Join us for our 60th season! The Kemp-McCarthy Museum and Browning Bench Tool Factory will be open 10 am - 2 pm featuring tools, farm & homemaking implements, sleighs, quilts and mid-19th century attire.

12 pm: Picnic lunch at the Kemp-McCarthy Museum.

2 - 3:30 pm: Concert by Dennis Ainsworth, well-known pianist/organist, who will regale us in our Carriage House playing Joplin, Jazz and other rousing numbers. Refreshments will be served.

June 24, 10 am - 2pm: The Kemp-McCarthy Museum and Browning Bench Tool Factory will be open featuring tools, farm & homemaking implements, sleighs, quilts and mid-19th century attire.

June 24, 10 am: Hike to Hosea's Cave, the summer home of Hosea Ballou and learn about the pauper system of the 1700s. 1.5 miles, easy with stream crossing. Meet at the town gravel dump along Zoar Rd. by the refuse garden. Questions, email dmwilliams237@gmail.com.



Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

HOURS:

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 12-8 Thursday 3-7

Saturday 10-3

Lots of fun going on at the library. Stop by and check out our newest addition to the library, Rowe Town Library : The Seed Library. Come and browse our current inventory of seeds and take what you need. Envelopes are provided. We ask at the end of the season you collect some seeds and give back to our library for next year's selection.

Programs:

Thursday June 1st @ 6p.m - Community Planning Group Meets, all welcome

Wednesday June 7 th @ 6pm -Window and Glass Craft for teens & adults

Saturday June10th @ 3-5 p.m - Sketch Session- Join us for another sketch session. We'll start with a quick drawing skill demo then set you off to practice or freestyle your own thing. There will also be still life props and creative prompt cards to help if you don't know what to draw.

Wednesday June 14 th @ 3:30 pm- Book Chat- The Light Between Oceans, by Elleanor Shearer

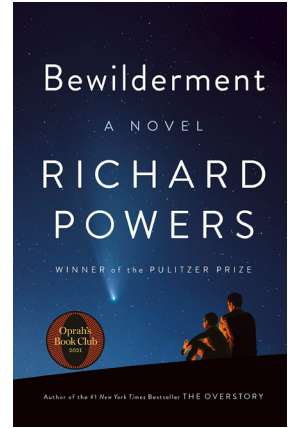
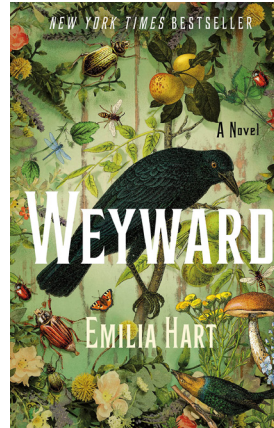
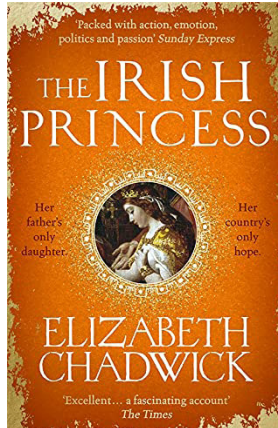
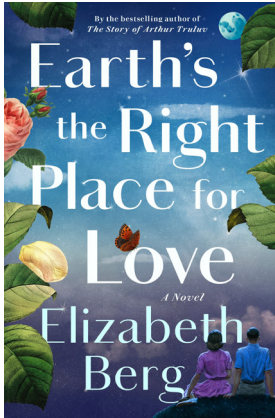
Wednesday June 21 st @ 4pm – Summer Reading Program Kick off with Ed the Wizard Alchemy Laboratory - Alchemy Class is about to begin! Magical Secrets are about to be shared! Enter the Alchemy Laboratory of Ed the Wizard. Watch, volunteer, and learn as we perform vanishes, transfigurations, and other feats of magic with everyday items found at home. And pizza party.

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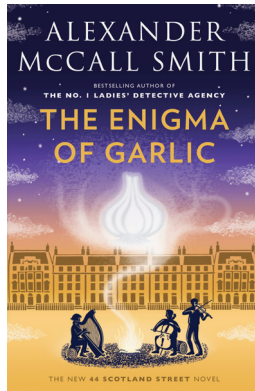
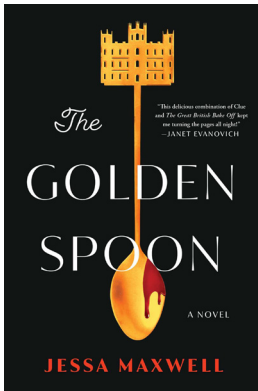
Library Trustee meetings are held @ 10am on the 3 rd Wednesday of each month. All town residents are welcome to attend.

Some New Books:

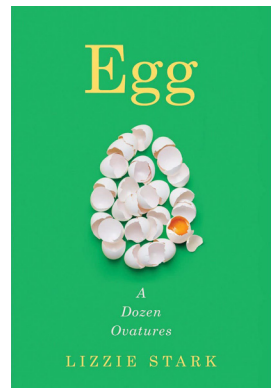
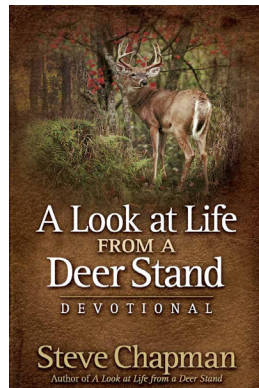
Adult Fiction:



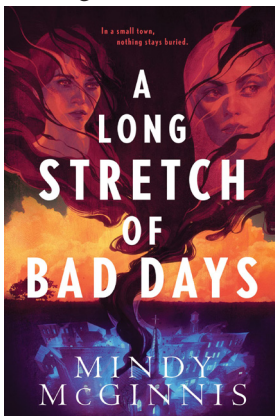
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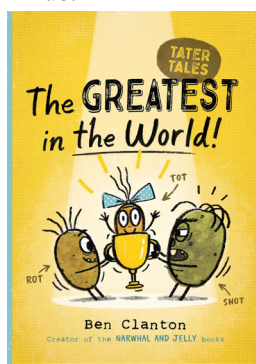
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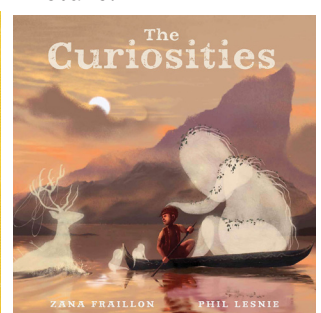
Young Adult:



Kids:



Picture:





May was a busy month, inside and outside the school. Both the 3/4 and 5/6 classes took the MCAS ELA and Math test, and the 5th graders took the Science and Technology MCAS. We had 100% participation this year, which is a big improvement from last year. The 3/4 class continued their work in their Outdoor Classroom, an amazing space they have created in the woods at the top of the hill behind the school. The P3 Class (Grades 1 and 2, along with others) have been working in the vegetable gardens outside the Library windows, and the P1 and P2 classes have been exploring nature at Pelham Lake Park, while the 5/6 class has been exploring different areas around the Park (and beyond). This is in addition to the math, reading, and writing work they are doing every day, both inside and outside the school.

We appreciate the support shown by the voters in Rowe for the school at Town Meeting, allowing us to offer a high-quality academic, social, emotional, and physical education to the Rowe students. Due to budget constraints, we had to cut our three-year-old preschool program. It is sad because of all the work and love that Mrs. Norcross, Mrs. Gokey, and Ms. Celli have put into that program, but with the retirement of a teacher, will be able to continue with our multigrade program in the other grades. We will have four classrooms next year, a PreK/K class, a Grade 1 and 2 class, a Grade 3 and 4 class, and a Grade 5 and 6 class. We will also be inviting community members to a monthly lunch in the cafeteria starting in the fall.

The last day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, and we are planning Graduation for that day, at 6:30 outside the school. Summer School invitations will be going out, and it will start in July.

It has been another challenging year, and the entire school staff has stepped up and done what the students needed to be safe and learn in this environment. The support of Susie Zavotka and the rest of the School Committee, Superintendent Franzoni and the rest of the NBSU Central Office staff, the Rowe School community, and the Town Hall staff have made it possible for the staff to do the amazing work they do with students, and my heartfelt thanks go out to everyone.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5100. You can also email me at wknittle@row-eschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle



3/4 coming back in from nature journal writing

photo by Claudine Poplawski

The Gracy House

Submitted by Joanne Semanie



On May 8, 2023, at the Annual Town Meeting, a vote was taken to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to develop a plan to demolish the Gracy House. The article was amended on the floor to expand the scope to include possible remediation or repurposing. This project needs to be a community effort – either the tear down or repurpose and remediation – input from residents will be needed. The next year we will work towards a final answer to this building.

If you are interested in helping us all out or have ideas about how to better use this space let a member of the Board of Selectmen know. This is your building and it's fate should be in everyone's hands.

With that in mind here is a little history of the property and how it evolved into what it has become today.

On June 7, 1836 Solomon Reed purchased a piece of land from Ambrose Stone consisting of “ acres plus 125 rods more or less along with the privilege of bringing water for manufacturing purposes in a ditch or otherwise with the most convenient place across the other lands of said Ambrose.” The purchase price was \$159. Tradition has it that Solomon Amidon, Jr. and Joseph Burton built the Satinet Factory about 1836.

On April 12, 1837, the Franklin Manufacturing Co. was incorporated by Samuel H. Reed, Joseph Burton and Solomon Amidon, Jr. Almost immediately a large factory building and housing for its workers was erected. The Satinet factory was built to make a cotton/wool fabric known as satinet which was in high demand in the late 1830s. The first year of business was recorded in the Statistical Tables of the Conditions and Products of Certain Branches of Industry in MA for the year 1837. It showed that Franklin Manufacturing had a dozen people working for them, 6 men and 6 women. They consumed 7,500 pounds of wool weaving 10,000 yards of cloth valued at \$7,000. The capital invested for that year was \$17,000.

The first mention of a dwelling on this lot seems to be two houses listed on the Assessors records for 1847. The large house was said to have been built as a tenement for the factory workers with four apartments and two entrances. The second house attached by a covered walkway has always been known as the Deverall House (from a family by that name who lived there) and was a single-family dwelling.

By 1845 the factory put out 42,500 yards of cloth using 40,000 pounds of wool. They employed 8 men

and 6 women. The value of the cloth was \$23,375 and according to the MHC Reconnaissance Survey in this year the Franklin Manufacturing Co. represented 21 percent of the value of the county satinet



production for that year.

On December 4, 1847, after the death of Solomon Reed, Franklin Manufacturing Company was leased to Stephen Day of Pittsfield for a period of five years. The lease was then renewed for another five years. In 1855 Day produced 12,000 yards of cloth using 4,000 pounds of wool. In 1857 he purchased the entire property “2 acres, 125 rods more or less, dwelling house, barn, factory and store house along with stores, kettles, tools and machinery” for \$2600.00 He continued operation but records show it was never

run to capacity after the 1840's, the demand for the fabric wasn't there. The factory ran until about 1875 after which it sat empty and decayed.

When Day purchased the property in 1857, he converted the house into a two-family dwelling and moved his wife and two daughters into it. An interesting little jingle was inspired by this house when owned by the Days. The man renting the other side from Days was a Mr. Knight and there was the Deverall house in the back. A family by the name of Lord owned the little house, now gone, on the village green. A lady visiting, the Days was heard to exclaim, “Why, there's a day and night in the same house with the Lord in front and the devil behind!”

The Days lived in the house until Stephen Day's death in 1891 when the property passed to his oldest daughter Ann Cone. Ann sold forty square rods of land to the Town for a “Town House” May 8, 1895 (443/327).

On October 3, 1898 Ann Cone sold to Edward A. Tower “land, dwelling, factory, barn, storehouse excepting a lot of land conveyed by the grantor to the Town of Rowe for a Town House”. The sale was for \$1.00. Mr. Tower was a music teacher from North Adams. During the time that Mr.



Tower owned the property he tore down the factory building which had fallen into disrepair. Tower coached the Rowe Choral Group, fifteen or twenty adults who enjoyed entertaining and the house was full of song for many years.

The property remained in the Tower family for sixty-nine years. Mr. Tower died in 1907, but the house continued to be occupied by his widowed daughter, Mrs. Linne Jones, and eventually just summers by her daughter, Mary Jones White. It was sold by the estate of Mrs. White in 1967 to Sarah Jane Gracy. In 1982 the town acquired the house and all the property for the new fire station and leased the house back to Gracy. Upon her death in 2004 the property reverted to the town. A group of townspeople came together to clean it out and make repairs so the building could be used.

From 2004 to 2018 the building had been used for various things, most recently the Council on Aging has held its monthly meetings there. Much of the building had not been used due to accessibility issues. For the most part the building has been empty. In the summer of 2018 it was discovered that there were issues with mold that required the building to be closed.

Residents should know that the Gracy House is one of the last pieces of manufacturing history remaining in town. It bears little resemblance to its former self but its situation in the center of town can not be discounted. Many buildings have been removed over the years as one can see in the old photographs of the town center and the removal of one more should be considered carefully. The expenses that will be incurred by the taxpayers will not be small if the decision is made to keep it, yet the center of town will be poorer if it is removed.





*Edward Tower talking with B.T. Henry in the center of town. Every building in this photograph is gone.
Taken around 1890 before the Town Hall was built.*

In an effort to protect the Gracy House from demolition, the Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers for a small committee of people who will determine what steps may be taken to rehabilitate and repurpose the Gracy House.

As of now, it is apparent that the Gracy House will need to be demolished unless significant rehabilitation – likely a complete interior rebuild – is performed. However, the details of that (purpose, scope, and ultimately cost) are unknown or unknowable.

We are hoping that this small subcommittee can work to determine the following:

- 1. What is the best use, given the current and future needs of the town, for the Gracy House if it were to be rehabilitated?*
- 2. What specific steps would need to be taken to allow the Gracy House to be used for this purpose, including gutting, rebuilding, septic, roof, etc., or anything else that would be required to support this identified use?*
- 3. What are the total costs of all these steps?*

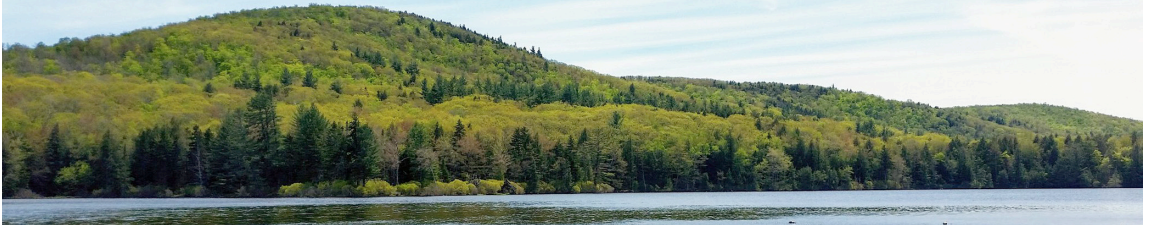
With this information, the voters of the Town of Rowe can make an informed decision about whether to appropriate the money to save the Gracy House building. Without this information, however, the town won't be able to take any meaningful action except to allow the building to further decay unless and until it is ultimately removed.

Many people have expressed dismay at the likely demolition of the Gracy House, and we want to provide the voters of the town with all of the information required to finally determine the future of that building.

If you have an interest in helping provide the voters of the town with an opportunity to repurpose, rebuild, and ultimately save the Gracy House, please reach out to the Board of Selectmen or the Rowe Town Administrator.

*Chuck Sokol
Board of Selectment, Chair*

PELHAM LAKE PARK NEWS



May has been a busy month as Pelham Lake Park gets ready for a fully packed summer. The summer Staff has begun to trickle in and is helping get the park into shape for a blissful summer. They have been busy the past couple of weeks clearing the trails of downed sticks and branches from winter. During the month of May the park gained a new UTV after having the old one for 15 years! Clayton Miller (town resident) fabricated a beautiful cage for the back and now it's being outfitted for a plow. The old UTV will go for bid with more information to come if anyone is interested.

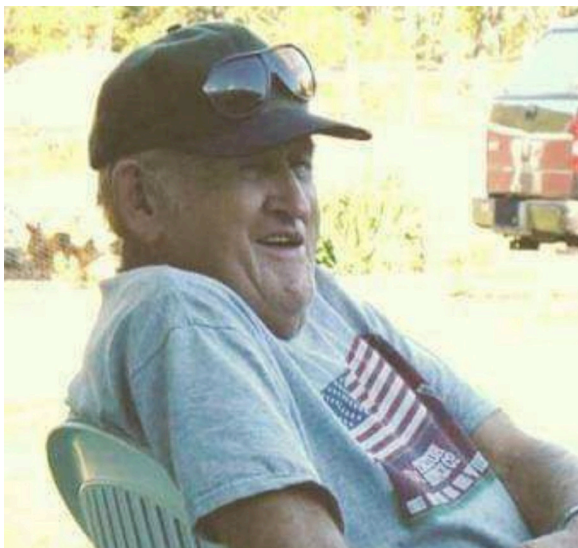
During the duration of this upcoming summer, the park has many plans to create joyful experiences in nature for the town. Our lifeguards, Michael Harrison, and James Harrison are returning to guard the water as children swim. The park also got new trail blazes. These were done by *Nutron Outdoor Signs and Markers*, and this summer the staff will be putting these up on every trail, starting with the trails near the lake and heading up the mountain as we go. They're red, you can't miss them! If you know your way around the Babbling Brook Trail, then you know a couple of summers ago we installed boardwalks across marshy areas of the trail. This summer we will be installing boardwalks around the lakeview trail and replacing the old bog bridges that are there now. The park will also get its full crew of workers once school is out for the high school.

The park is also planning on running the Summer Rec Program again which will be the second week in July, till the second week in August, Monday - Thursday, 10-2. More information to come regarding signing your children up and exact dates.

Rowe Park Department is still accepting applications for summer youth employment. Anyone ages 14 through college who are Rowe residents are eligible to apply. These positions range from assistant ranger to assistant summer rec directors. If interested, please visit the Rowe Town Hall for an application. **We are also still seeking a Rec Director itself, this position would plan activities for children ages 5-12 that would keep them entertained while also teaching them about the nature they are spending their day in. The pay is 25\$ an hour, and 20 hours a week. If you know anyone who would be interested have them contact the park by phone (413-339-8554) or by email, parkmanager@rowe-mass.gov . Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions regarding the position or youth summer employment positions.**

Stickers for this summer will be the same as last year's. If you received your two stickers from last summer, then you are all set and don't need to get new ones. As a reminder, each household gets two stickers and one guest pass. If you own land, then you get two stickers and no guest pass. If you have no park stickers, then you can stop by the park to pick them up. If you want to reserve a picnic spot this summer all you have to do is call or stop by the park with the dates, and picnic area you want reserved. If you are planning to have a gathering of over 25 people, then a fee of \$25 is to be paid to the Town of Rowe.

-Submitted by Sean Loomis



Alfred C. "Al" Morse, Jr. 85, of Shippee Rd., passed away on May 4, 2023 at the Greenfield Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Al was born in Brattleboro, VT on December 30, 1937 one of nine children of Alfred C. and Arline (Cudworth) Morse.

A hard worker his whole life, Al worked for the Bakers Bookstore for many years, the Deerfield Glassine until its closure, was a custodian at the Hawlemont school in Charlemont, All Around Tile and "retired" in 2001 from Mount Snow Ski Resort.

In the town of Rowe he served on the Park Commission, was active in the Historical Society, and mowed the grass at all the town cemeteries for more than 30 years.

Survivors include his wife Marjorie (Brown), whom he married on April 2, 1972, his daughters Jennifer and Willian, grandchildren; Ashton, Dean (Wife Alexis), Brianna, John, Mackenzi (Finance Matt), and Noah, great granddaughters Maddison, Kingsleigh and soon to be Rosalie, many nieces and nephews, sister-in-law Phyllis (Norm) Garland, golfing friends at the Chip and Putt (especially Mike), and his furry pals Dewey and Buddy.

He was predeceased by his parents and eight siblings.

At his request there are no services and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Al enjoyed Mohawk Athletics, watching his children and grandchildren play in many different sports. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Mohawk Athletic Association, PO Box 111, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

-Submitted by Willi Parent

Post-Pandemic Safety

The Covid-19 Public Health Emergency was declared over on May 11, 2023. So now what should we do? Some of us have found normalcy in our lives once again, others may still be timid or fearful to return to pre-pandemic normalcy. It is important that we proceed with caution, but also enjoy the aspects of life we may have missed out on while the pandemic surged. After all, our quality of life is of the utmost importance. If you would like to discuss post-pandemic safety in more depth, please feel free to stop by the Town Nurse's office during office hours. Below, you will find some of the continued guidance around Covid-19.

**If you test POSITIVE for Covid-19

- ☐ People who are infected but asymptomatic or people with mild COVID-19 should isolate through at least day 5 and be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications (day 0 is the day symptoms appeared or the date the specimen was collected for the positive test for people who are asymptomatic). They should wear a mask through day 10. With two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart, you may remove your mask sooner than day 10.
- ☐ People with moderate-severe Covid-19 or without symptom improvement should isolate away from others through day 10. Consult your healthcare provider prior to ending isolation.

** If you have a known or suspected Covid-19 EXPOSURE

- ☐ Wear a mask as soon as you find out you were exposed for 10 days. (**Day 1 is the first full day** after your exposure)
- ☐ Take extra precautions if you will be around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 (elderly, immunocompromised, pregnant, young children, etc).
- ☐ On Day 6 take a test, if negative then continue masking through day 10. If positive, then follow isolation guidelines.
- ☐ Monitor for symptoms through day 10- if symptoms develop, isolate immediately, take a Covid-19 test, and if positive then follow the isolation guidelines.

Stay Up-to-date with your Covid-19 Vaccinations

**The CDC is now providing the OPTION for those 65+ years old to receive a SECOND Bivalent booster at least 4 months after the initial bivalent booster dose. For those who are immunocompromised, these recommendations vary- please check with your provider for recommendations.

** Please contact the Town Nurse at (413) 339-5520 ext 107 if you are unable to get to a pharmacy/doctor's office to receive an updated booster. The CPHS (Cooperative Public Health Service) Nurses are able to provide IN-HOME Covid-19 Vaccinations by appointment for those who have difficulty getting out or are home-bound.

Submitted by the Town Nurse

Recent Property Transfers (May, 2023)

Further details may be obtained by researching the specific deeds at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds website at masslandrecords.com/franklin

Deed Bk 8165 Pg 156, Ruth Ann Truesdell to Ruth Ann Truesdell and Richard Henry Truesdell II, Tunnel Road, \$1 (Map 407 Lots 004 & 024)

Deed Bk 8165 Pg 160, Ruth Ann Truesdell and Richard Henry Truesdell, II, to Richard Henry Truesdell, II and Ruth E. Truesdell as Joint Tenants, Tunnel Road, no monetary consideration (Map 407 Lots 004 & 024)

Annual Permit Inspections

As part of the FY24 interim year update a review of open building permits will be conducted for the purpose of updating property cards prior to establishing property valuations for FY24. An individual from Mayflower Valuations (the Assessor's Appraisal Consultant) will drive around town on June 27th & 28th to inspect properties with open building permits. The Assessor's Office will be making phone calls to inquire about the status of your open building permits. To the extent practicable site visits will be pre-arranged and coordinated with the homeowner. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Assessors' Office at 339-5520 ext.104 or send an email to assessor@rowe-ma.gov.

Submitted by Christine Bailey

Congratulations to Jillian Crowningshield, (pictured with her horse Bella) and Gabriella Larned who are both graduating from Franklin County technical school this year.

Jillian studied in Plumbing and will be working for Sandri Oil full time after graduation.

Gabriella studied in Collision repair and Refinishing and will be working for McGovern Chevrolet as a full time Auto body technician after graduation.

We would like to congratulate both of our girls!! We are so incredibly proud!

Brian Crowningshield and Danielle Larned



Jillian Crowningshield



Gabriella Larned

JOB OPENINGS IN ROWE

Town Treasurer/Collector

Town of Rowe seeks qualified individual for the Treasurer/Collector position, a full-time (40-hour) benefitted position. Responsible for performing skilled accounting, administrative, clerical work and the billing and collection of all monies due the town; and all other related work as required. efficiency and effectiveness of all areas under his/her direction and control. Responsible for annual collections of approximately five million dollars in Town revenues. Oversees and administers the department's printing, mailing, and collection of tax bills (real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle) and special assessments in accordance with local and state guidelines and applicable laws.

Works under the general direction of the Town Treasurer & Town Collector in accordance with applicable Massachusetts General Laws, town policies, town bylaws, and relevant state, federal, and local regulations and standards.

Salary range: \$55,000 to \$60,000 depending on experience and qualifications.

See the Town website for Job Description Details – See 'About Rowe' – 'Employment Opportunities'

Posted: May 15, 2023 and open until a qualified candidate is hired.

Send Application and Resume to:

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

321 Zoar Road; Rowe, MA 01367

or via email: townadmin@rowe-ma.gov

Town Building Facilities Manager

Town of Rowe has an opening for a part-time position (8 hours per week) at \$25.00 per hour. Reviews the maintenance needs of the town-owned buildings and maintain directly, repair or oversee solutions.

See the Town website for Job Description Details – See 'About Rowe' – 'Employment Opportunities'

Send Application and Resume to: Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Lewis Spratlan, 82, died on February 9, 2023, in Lumberton NJ. According to Melinda, his wife of 57 years, the cause of death was idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. The Spratlans purchased the house at 38 Middletown Hill Road in 1995. Lewis, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Music in 2000, used it as his music studio and composed dozens of new works there over the decades. His son Dan and wife Jacquie are now maintaining the property.

Besides his wife and son, Lewis also leaves behind another son and a daughter and 2 granddaughters.

submitted by Melinda Spratlan



photo by Meredith Sokol

June Birthdays

- 2 - Chris Morano
- 2 - Reed Brown
- 3 - Gail May
- 3 - Matt Crowningshield
- 4 - Dan Miller
- 5 - Joshua Lively
- 5 - Dennis Humbert
- 7 - Leann Loomis
- 7 - Roman M. Kichorowsky
- 9 - Prudence Berry
- 9 - Crystal Reardon
- 9 - Hannah Poplawski
- 11 - Brandon Sprague
- 12 - Aria Killough-Miller
- 12 - Luke Paige
- 13 - Taylor Loomis
- 17 - Bailey Cousineau
- 19 - Paulette Roccio
- 20 - Alan Bjork
- 21 - Catherine Snyder
- 21 - Steve Crowningshield
- 25 - Emmytt Crowningshield
- 25 - Austin Willis
- 29 - Carl Mclatchy
- 29 - Tammy Stanford

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please contact me at:
GoalPostEditor@gmail.com

Town Services

Town Main Line at 413-339-5520

<u>Position/Dept.</u>	<u>Ext #</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<u>Admin Assistant</u>	<u>101</u>		
<u>Assessors Office</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>assessor@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Wed 8-1 or by Appt</u>
<u>Board of Health</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>boh@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Tues 8-1 Clerk</u>
<u>DPW</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>dwphighway@rowe-ma.gov (339-5588)</u>	
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon-Thurs 9:30-5:00</u>
<u>Fire Dept</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>firechief@rowe-ma.gov (339-4001)</u>	
<u>Fitness Room</u>	<u>149</u>		
<u>Library</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>rowelibrary@gmail.com</u>	<u>Tues: 10-5 Wed: 12-8 Thu: 3-7 Sat: 10-3</u>
<u>Park</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov (339-8554)</u>	
<u>Police</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>policechief@rowe-ma.gov (339-8340)</u>	
<u>Post Office</u>	<u>(413) 339-5390</u>	<u>Mon-Fri: 12:15-4:15, Sat: 8:30-11:30</u>	
<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>collector@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon-Wed: 9:00-5:00</u>
<u>Town Accountant</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>accountant@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>By Appt.</u>
<u>Town Clerk</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Thurs: 6-8:00pm or by Appt.</u>
<u>Town Nurse</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>nurse@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>Mon: 8-4, Wed: 10-6, and Thurs: 8-4</u>
<u>Transfer Station</u>	<u>(413) 339-0216</u>	<u>Sat: 8- 2:00pm, Sun: 8- Noon, Wed: 7 -10am & 4 - 7pm</u>	
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</u>	<u>By Appt.</u>
<u>School</u>	<u>(413) 512-5100</u>		

Town Hall is open for normal business hours 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Please contact Executive Secretary at: (413)339-5520 ext. 100 for appointments whenever possible.

Seasonal resident MUST notify the Executive Secretary of any change in address.

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